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June 18, 1985

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
(P402 457 189)

Mr. Barney G. Powell  
Walker Gold Mining Company  
922 South 2300 East  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

Dear Mr. Powell:

Re: Declaration of Exemption for Elk Claims, DOE/013/002,  
Duchesne County, Utah

The Division's technical staff has reviewed the Declaration of Exemption which you submitted June 12, 1985. This exemption applies only where less than 500 tons of material is being mined or less than two acres of land is being excavated or used as a disposal site for a period of twelve consecutive months.

The Division hereby recognises the Declaration of Exemption associated with the Elk Claims 60, 61, 130, 131, 132 and 133. You must be aware, however, that the recognition of this DOE by the Division in no way limits the responsibility of the U. S. Forest Service in administering the regulations required under 30 CFR Part 228. Under the above defined regulations the Forest Service requires a plan of operations be filed describing the proposed mining or exploration operation and the posting of a required bond or surety to cover the reclamation of the planned operations. As we discussed on June 12, 1985, Walker Gold Mining Company must file a plan of operations with the Forest Service. As part of that plan of operation, it is required in many cases that a bond be posted to cover the cost of the reclamation.



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If you have any questions please call myself or Tom Suchoski of the Division staff. Members of the Division's technical staff will attempt to visit the DOE site during the latter part of the week of June 17, 1985.

Sincerely,



L. P. Braxton  
Administrator  
Mineral Resource Development  
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TJS:jvb

cc: James N. Craig, Forest Service

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